



Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE)  
Child Care Subsidy Monthly Report

The following report reflects information contained in the Child Care Data System (CCDS) administered by the DESE Office of Childhood. Unless otherwise noted, data consists of un-duplicated counts of children and families participating in the subsidy program for the identified month.  
Database as of November 5, 2025.

An error related to data filters was recently identified and corrected. As a result of this correction, you may notice differences in the monthly reported data when compared to prior reports. These discrepancies reflect the updated and more accurate data following the correction. We are committed to ensuring data integrity and transparency, and we appreciate your understanding.

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SECTION 1: CHILD CARE HOUSEHOLD APPLICATIONS

\*The status reflects the action that was taken during the month indicated.

|                   | October | Change From Month Prior | Change From 2 Months Prior |
|-------------------|---------|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| Submitted         | 3,517   | -5.6%                   | -22.1%                     |
| Approved          | 3,554   | 31.2%                   | 38.6%                      |
| Rejected          | 1,847   | 19.8%                   | 30.0%                      |
| Pending           | 608     |                         |                            |
| 15 Days or Less   | 83      |                         |                            |
| More Than 15 Days |         |                         |                            |
| Total Pending     | 691     |                         |                            |

SECTION 2: NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS AND CHILDREN APPROVED FOR SUBSIDY

|                     |                     | October 2025 | September 2025 | August 2025 | Change From Month Prior | Change From 2 Months Prior |
|---------------------|---------------------|--------------|----------------|-------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| Approved Households | Income              | 19,575       | 19,171         | 18,416      | 2.1%                    | 6.3%                       |
|                     | Protective Services | 4,368        | 4,278          | 4,109       | 2.1%                    | 6.3%                       |
|                     | Total               | 23,940       | 23,446         | 22,522      | 2.1%                    | 6.3%                       |
| Approved Children   | Income              | 30,013       | 29,948         | 30,023      | 0.2%                    | 0.0%                       |
|                     | Protective Services | 6,867        | 6,882          | 7,057       | -0.2%                   | -2.7%                      |
|                     | Total               | 36,839       | 36,792         | 37,041      | 0.1%                    | -0.5%                      |

SECTION 3: CHILD CARE SUBSIDY PAYMENTS

|                           |                     |              |              |              |        |       |
|---------------------------|---------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------|-------|
| Children Served           | Income              | 20,783       | 21,570       | 20,739       | -3.6%  | 0.2%  |
|                           | Protective Services | 4,604        | 5,260        | 4,931        | -12.5% | -6.6% |
|                           | Total               | 25,374       | 26,819       | 25,663       | -5.4%  | -1.1% |
| Payments                  |                     | \$22,551,405 | \$22,237,087 | \$24,073,328 | 1.4%   | -6.3% |
| Average Payment Per Child |                     | \$889        | \$829        | \$938        | 7.2%   | -5.3% |

SECTION 4: TRANSITIONAL CHILD CARE SUMMARY

|                               | Level 1 (151-185% FPL) |                |              | Level 2 (186-215% FPL) |                |              | Level 3 (216-242% FPL) |                |             |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|----------------|--------------|------------------------|----------------|--------------|------------------------|----------------|-------------|
|                               | October 2025           | September 2025 | August 2025  | October 2025           | September 2025 | August 2025  | October 2025           | September 2025 | August 2025 |
| Approved Households           | 640                    | 615            | 519          | 217                    | 214            | 187          | 81                     | 81             | 71          |
| Children Served               | 951                    | 980            | 891          | 279                    | 296            | 276          | 94                     | 100            | 89          |
| Payments                      | \$733,848.04           | \$708,123.24   | \$714,867.82 | \$204,686.58           | \$205,929.70   | \$211,778.78 | \$61,736.18            | \$60,119.31    | \$66,504.97 |
| Average Payment per Household | \$1,147                | \$1,151        | \$1,377      | \$943                  | \$962          | \$1,133      | \$762                  | \$742          | \$937       |
| Average Child Expenditure     | \$772                  | \$723          | \$802        | \$734                  | \$696          | \$767        | \$657                  | \$601          | \$747       |

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SECTION 5: CHILDREN SERVED BY AGE

| Children Served October 2025 |        | Payments October 2025 |
|------------------------------|--------|-----------------------|
| Under Age 1                  | 1,256  | \$1,980,980           |
| AGE 1                        | 2,999  | \$4,894,811           |
| AGE 2                        | 3,911  | \$4,096,968           |
| AGE 3                        | 4,184  | \$3,543,180           |
| AGE 4                        | 3,980  | \$3,239,892           |
| AGE 5                        | 2,482  | \$1,585,556           |
| AGE 6                        | 1,595  | \$842,933             |
| AGE 7                        | 1,278  | \$610,806             |
| AGE 8                        | 1,126  | \$528,921             |
| AGE 9                        | 909    | \$420,642             |
| AGE 10                       | 709    | \$335,089             |
| AGE 11                       | 448    | \$216,090             |
| AGE 12                       | 323    | \$163,182             |
| AGE 13                       | 142    | \$73,020              |
| Age 14 and Over              | 32     | \$19,334              |
| Total                        | 25,374 | \$22,551,405          |

SECTION 6: APPLICATIONS BY STATUS AND REGION

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\*The status reflects the action that was taken during the month indicated.

| Applications Received |       | Applications Approved | Applications Rejected | Percent Rejected | Total Resolved | 15 Days or Less | More Than 15 Days | Percent Over 15 Da.. |
|-----------------------|-------|-----------------------|-----------------------|------------------|----------------|-----------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| Cape Girardeau        | 276   | 241                   | 186                   | 36.8%            | 427            | 41              | 3                 | 6.8%                 |
| Columbia              | 131   | 145                   | 94                    | 33.2%            | 239            | 31              | 1                 | 3.1%                 |
| Jefferson City        | 146   | 130                   | 119                   | 42.0%            | 249            | 16              | 0                 | 0.0%                 |
| Macon                 | 51    | 47                    | 52                    | 43.3%            | 99             | 15              | 1                 | 6.3%                 |
| Not Selected          | 1,271 | 1,375                 | 201                   | 10.4%            | 1,576          | 208             | 47                | 18.4%                |
| Raytown               | 533   | 516                   | 325                   | 31.8%            | 841            | 132             | 8                 | 5.7%                 |
| Springfield           | 281   | 231                   | 174                   | 34.2%            | 405            | 78              | 4                 | 4.9%                 |
| St. Louis             | 828   | 869                   | 696                   | 39.7%            | 1,565          | 87              | 19                | 17.9%                |
| Total                 | 3,517 | 3,554                 | 1,847                 | 28.8%            | 5,401          | 608             | 83                | 12.0%                |

SECTION 7: REASON FOR CARE FOR APPROVED HOUSEHOLDS BY REGION

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| Region         | Education | Employment | Homeless | Incapacitated Pare.. | Job Search | Not Available | Protective Services | Special Need | Training | Grand Total |
|----------------|-----------|------------|----------|----------------------|------------|---------------|---------------------|--------------|----------|-------------|
| Cape Girardeau | 180       | 1,673      | 51       | 9                    | 357        | 63            | 728                 | 27           | 14       | 2,791       |
| Columbia       | 107       | 872        | 53       | 8                    | 227        | 39            | 312                 | 20           | 17       | 1,440       |
| Jefferson City | 101       | 952        | 32       | 11                   | 274        | 48            | 461                 | 14           | 13       | 1,718       |
| Macon          | 50        | 434        | 9        | 0                    | 97         | 14            | 200                 | 10           | 4        | 740         |
| Not Selected   | 956       | 6,123      | 181      | 36                   | 1,624      | 509           | 2,123               | 96           | 168      | 9,552       |
| Raytown        | 540       | 2,966      | 349      | 27                   | 1,163      | 128           | 908                 | 65           | 127      | 5,323       |
| Springfield    | 217       | 1,647      | 72       | 7                    | 426        | 57            | 717                 | 40           | 20       | 2,843       |
| St. Louis      | 1,016     | 5,679      | 507      | 66                   | 1,861      | 328           | 1,035               | 128          | 185      | 9,123       |
| Total          | 2,201     | 14,158     | 1,075    | 129                  | 4,382      | 674           | 4,386               | 304          | 380      | 23,940      |

## SECTION 8: REASON FOR CARE FOR APPROVED HOUSEHOLDS AND CHILDREN

|                    | Households   |                |             | Children     |                |             |
|--------------------|--------------|----------------|-------------|--------------|----------------|-------------|
|                    | October 2025 | September 2025 | August 2025 | October 2025 | September 2025 | August 2025 |
| Education          | 2,201        | 2,116          | 1,990       | 3,508        | 3,554          | 3,525       |
| Employment         | 14,158       | 13,836         | 13,268      | 24,144       | 24,124         | 24,236      |
| Homeless           | 1,075        | 1,042          | 965         | 1,431        | 1,414          | 1,338       |
| Incapacitated Pa.. | 129          | 126            | 121         | 200          | 197            | 198         |
| Job Search         | 4,382        | 4,307          | 4,109       | 4,278        | 4,173          | 4,084       |
| Not Available      | 674          | 671            | 693         | 1,347        | 1,403          | 1,488       |
| Protective Servi.. | 4,386        | 4,297          | 4,128       | 6,903        | 6,919          | 7,094       |
| Special Need       | 304          | 297            | 281         | 471          | 474            | 466         |
| Training           | 380          | 367            | 354         | 620          | 620            | 636         |
| Total              | 23,940       | 23,446         | 22,522      | 36,839       | 36,792         | 37,041      |

## SECTION 9: DEMOGRAPHICS OF APPROVED CHILDREN BY RACE

|                               | October 2025 | September 2025 | August 2025 |
|-------------------------------|--------------|----------------|-------------|
| African American (Black)      | 17,542       | 17,538         | 17,528      |
| American/Alaskan Native       | 308          | 308            | 314         |
| Asian                         | 107          | 107            | 108         |
| Caucasian (White)             | 13,654       | 13,610         | 13,828      |
| Multi-Racial                  | 3,939        | 3,939          | 3,965       |
| Native Hawaiian/Pacific Isl.. | 54           | 54             | 59          |
| Other                         | 582          | 580            | 598         |
| Prefer not to answer          | 678          | 678            | 674         |
| Unknown                       | 0            | 0              | 1           |
| Total                         | 36,839       | 36,792         | 37,041      |

## SECTION 10: DEMOGRAPHICS OF APPROVED CHILDREN BY ETHNICITY

|                      | October 2025 | September 2025 | August 2025 |
|----------------------|--------------|----------------|-------------|
| Hispanic             | 5.9%         | 5.9%           | 5.8%        |
| Non-Hispanic         | 90.9%        | 90.9%          | 90.8%       |
| Prefer not to answer | 3.2%         | 3.3%           | 3.4%        |
| Total                | 100.0%       | 100.0%         | 100.0%      |



SECTION 11: DEMOGRAPHICS OF APPROVED HOUSEHOLDS BY INCOME

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\*excludes Protective Services households

| Household Size | Approved Households | % of Total Households Last Month along Table (Down) | Average Household Monthly Income |
|----------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 0              | 0                   | 0.0%                                                | \$2,373                          |
| 1              | 315                 | 1.3%                                                | \$55                             |
| 2              | 7,274               | 30.4%                                               | \$951                            |
| 3              | 7,799               | 32.6%                                               | \$1,193                          |
| 4              | 5,584               | 23.3%                                               | \$1,359                          |
| 5              | 3,038               | 12.7%                                               | \$1,432                          |
| 6              | 1,427               | 6.0%                                                | \$1,356                          |
| 7 or More      | 1,064               | 4.4%                                                | \$1,293                          |
| Total          | 23,940              | 100.0%                                              | \$1,078                          |

SECTION 12: CHILDREN SERVED AND AVERAGE PAYMENT PER CHILD BY FACILITY

| Provider Type  | Provider Facility Type                 | October 2025    |                 |                  | September 2025  |                 |                  | August 2025     |                 |                  |
|----------------|----------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|
|                |                                        | Children Served | Payments        | Average Paymen.. | Children Served | Payments        | Average Paymen.. | Children Served | Payments        | Average Paymen.. |
| Exempt         | Exempt Program                         | 617             | \$284,141.88    | \$461            | 542             | \$293,150.90    | \$541            | 415             | \$312,270.92    | \$752            |
|                | Six or Fewer                           | 1,096           | \$581,477.30    | \$531            | 1,142           | \$610,494.94    | \$535            | 1,112           | \$610,011.02    | \$549            |
| License Exempt | Religious Organization/ Nursery School | 1,650           | \$1,130,212.72  | \$685            | 1,900           | \$1,205,892.36  | \$635            | 1,800           | \$1,292,635.38  | \$718            |
| Licensed       | Licensed Child Care Center             | 20,804          | \$19,680,570.09 | \$946            | 22,039          | \$19,256,165.90 | \$874            | 21,055          | \$20,856,280.26 | \$991            |
|                | Licensed Family Child Care Home        | 878             | \$637,093.29    | \$726            | 894             | \$607,283.48    | \$679            | 880             | \$716,554.26    | \$814            |
|                | Licensed Group Child Care Home         | 439             | \$237,909.97    | \$542            | 509             | \$263,226.43    | \$517            | 495             | \$285,113.92    | \$576            |
| Total          |                                        | 25,374          | \$22,551,405.25 | \$889            | 26,819          | \$22,236,214.01 | \$829            | 25,663          | \$24,072,865.76 | \$938            |

SECTION 13: PAID AND CONTRACTED PROVIDERS

\*Includes contracted providers and providers in the process of renewing their contract.

|                      |                 |                                       |       |       |       |
|----------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| Contracted Providers | Exempt          | Exempt Program                        | 180   | 175   | 178   |
|                      |                 | Six or Fewer                          | 377   | 382   | 392   |
|                      | Licensed        | Licensed Child Care Center            | 1,165 | 1,158 | 1,147 |
|                      |                 | Licensed Family Child Care Home       | 173   | 173   | 178   |
|                      |                 | Licensed Group Child Care Home        | 52    | 52    | 53    |
|                      | Licensed Exempt | Religious Organization/Nursery School | 103   | 104   | 103   |
| Total                |                 |                                       | 2,050 | 2,044 | 2,051 |

SECTION 14: CHILDREN RECEIVING OTHER STATE ASSISTANCE

|                                    | October 2025 | September 2025 | August 2025 | Change From Month Prior | Change From 2 Months Prior |
|------------------------------------|--------------|----------------|-------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| Energy Assistance Program (LiHEAP) | 2,252        | 2,341          | 2,205       | -3.8%                   | 2.1%                       |
| Low Income Housing                 | 2,197        | 2,235          | 2,219       | -1.7%                   | -1.0%                      |
| Medicaid                           | 15,661       | 16,171         | 15,498      | -3.2%                   | 1.1%                       |
| Food Stamps (SNAP)                 | 15,331       | 15,926         | 15,361      | -3.7%                   | -0.2%                      |
| Temporary Assistance (TANF)        | 716          | 697            | 683         | 2.7%                    | 4.8%                       |
| Total                              | 18,697       | 19,343         | 18,574      | -3.3%                   | 0.7%                       |